H. R. 335.

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

FEBRUARY 28, 1825.

Read twice, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

AN ACT

For the relief of Nimrod Farrow and Richard Harris.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives 1 of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That 2 the Secretary of War cause to be withdrawn and dismissed 3 a suit which is now pending by the United States against Nim-4 rod Farrow and his securities, for moneys advanced him by 5 the United States as one of the contractors for erecting a fort 6 on Dauphin Island; and that the bond on which the suit was 7 instituted be cancelled. 8 SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary 1 of War cause to be delivered up and released, by proper 2 conveyances, to Nimrod Farrow, contractor for erecting a 3 fort on Dauphin Island, all liens or securities which the 4 United States may hold on property, real or personal, of the 5

said contractor.

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Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the proper ac-1 counting officers of the Treasury Department pay unto Nim-2 rod Farrow, contractor for erecting a fort on Dauphin Island, 3 or to his legal representatives, the sum of seventy-three thou-4 sand seven hundred and forty-seven dollars and seventy-eight 5 cents: Provided, that the said Nimrod Farrow, before he shall 6 receive any of the personal property, to be delivered as afore-7 said, and before he shall he entitled to receive the money 8 above mentioned, he shall enter into a bond to the Secretary 9 of War, with security to the acceptance of said Secretary, in 10 the penal sum of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars, 12 conditioned, that the said Nimrod Farrow shall appropriate 13 the nett proceeds of the personal property, and the money so 14 to be received, towards the payment of the debts contracted 15 by Farrow and Harris, or either of them, or any other person 16 or persons contracting under said Farrow and Harris, for sup-17 plies furnished and services rendered in and about the erec-18 tion of said fortification; and that if there shall be any sur-19 plus, after paying the said debts, contracted as aforesaid, said 20 Farrow shall pay to the said Harris, or his legal representa-21 tives, or assignees, his just proportion of said surplus; which 22 bond shall be deposited with the Secretary of War; and it 23 shall be the duty of the said Secretary, upon application of 24 any of the parties interested therein, and satisfactory proof 25

of the failure of the said Nimrod Farrow to fulfil the condi-26 tion thereof, to cause the said bond to be prosecuted for the 27 benefit of the party or parties making such application, and 28 of such other person or persons, as may have an interest in 29 said bond.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That an inventory be 1 taken of such personal property as shall be returned to the 2 said Farrow, under the provisions of this act, and an estimate 3 of its value be made, under such regulations as the Secretary 4 of War may prescribe, and that there be paid unto the said 5 Farrow such difference as exists between the value of the per-6 sonal property at the time the same was taken possession of 7 by the Government, and its return, together with the value of 8 the personal property destroyed or lost while the same was in 9 the possession of the Government, except the same was lost 10 or destroyed by the act of God. 11

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That the several sums 1 to be paid by the provisions of this act, be paid out of any mo-

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ney in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated. 3

February 28, 1825.

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Passed the House of Representatives.

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